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# Etoxazole

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Under the authority of the *Pest Control Products Act*, Health Canada's Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) is proposing to establish maximum residue limits (MRLs) for etoxazole on pome fruits (Crop Group 11), tree nuts (Crop Group 14), grapes, raisins, strawberries and undelinted cotton seeds to permit the import and sale of foods containing these residues. See Appendix I for a list of crop group commodities.

Etoxazole is a miticide not currently registered for use in Canada.

The PMRA has determined the quantity of residues likely to remain in or on the imported food commodities when etoxazole is used according to label directions in the exporting country. The Agency has also determined that such residues will not be a concern to human health and is proposing to legally establish corresponding import MRLs. An MRL applies to the identified raw agricultural food commodity as well as to any processed food product that contains it, except where separate MRLs are specified for the raw agricultural commodity and a processed product made from it.

Details regarding the import MRLs can be found in the corresponding Evaluation Report available in the Pesticides and Pest Management section of Health Canada's website, under Public Registry, Pesticide Product Information Database.<sup>1</sup>

Consultation on the proposed import MRLs for etoxazole is being conducted via this document (see Next Steps).

To comply with Canada's international trade obligations, consultation on the proposed MRLs is also being conducted internationally by notifying the World Trade Organization, as coordinated by the Standards Council of Canada.

The proposed import MRLs for etoxazole in Canada in or on food are as follows.

**Table 1 Proposed Maximum Residue Limits for Etoxazole**

Common Name	Residue Definition	MRL (ppm)	Food Commodity
Etoxazole	2-(2,6-difluorophenyl)-4-[4-(1,1-dimethylethyl)-2-ethoxyphenyl]-4,5-dihydrooxazole	1.5	Raisins
		0.5	Grapes, strawberries
		0.2	Pome fruits (Crop Group 11)
		0.05	Undelinted cotton seeds
		0.01	Tree nuts (Crop Group 14), pistachios

<sup>1</sup> The relevant report can be accessed by selecting the Applications/New/Historical tab and opening the Evaluation Report found under Application Number 2008-0581.

MRLs are proposed for each commodity included in the listed crop groupings in accordance with Appendix I.

A complete list of all MRLs established in Canada can be found on the Maximum Residue Limits for Pesticides webpage in the Pesticides and Pest Management section of Health Canada's website.

### **International Situation and Trade Implications**

The proposed MRLs in Canada are the same as the corresponding tolerances established in the United States (tolerances listed in the Electronic Code of Federal Regulations by pesticide). Currently, Codex MRLs<sup>2</sup> have not been established for etoxazole on any commodity. A listing of established Codex MRLs is available on the Codex Alimentarius Pesticide Residues in Food website.

### **Next Steps**

The PMRA invites the public to submit written comments on the proposed import MRLs for etoxazole up to 75 days from the date of publication of this document. Please forward your comments to Publications. The PMRA will consider all comments received before making a final decision on the proposed import MRLs for etoxazole and posting a corresponding Established Maximum Residue Limit document in the Pesticides and Pest Management section of Health Canada's website.

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<sup>2</sup> Codex is an international organization under the auspices of the United Nations that develops international food standards, including MRLs.

**Appendix I Crop Groups: Numbers and Definitions**

<b>Crop Group Number</b>	<b>Name of the Crop Group</b>	<b>Food Commodities Included in the Crop Group</b>
11	Pome fruits	Apples Crabapples Loquats Mayhaws Oriental pears Pears Quinces
14	Tree Nuts	Almonds Beechnuts Black walnuts Brazil nuts Butternuts Cashew nuts Chestnuts Chinquapins English walnuts Filberts Hickory nuts Macadamia nuts Pecans

